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TO: Each Supervisor

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**SUBJECT: DISTURBANCE AT CAMP JUDITH RESNIK**

This is to advise the Board of a disturbance that occurred at Camp Resnik on March 7, 2011, at approximately 4:28 p.m. The fighting occurred as three (3) camp staff structured the minors in line to return to the A/B side of the dorm from an outside recreation period. Preliminary information indicates that the disturbance may have been motivated by both gang and race issues. Staff observed three (3) Hispanic minors physically strike four (4) Black minors who were standing in front of them in the line formation. When the Hispanic minors began their assault, the line formation broke apart with some minors fighting and others running to avoid being hit.

At the time of the incident, there were eight (8) staff on duty, with three (3) staff supervising the 38 minors who were outside during the incident. Initial reports are that 11 minors were aggressively involved in the disturbance. Camp Resnik staff with the assistance of other Challenger neighboring camps quickly quelled the disturbance. No outside law enforcement assistance was required.

In an effort to gain control of the fighting, staff deployed pepper spray to stop the fighting. All minors involved have been examined and cleared by medical. The disturbance was quelled within approximately two (2) minutes. There were no youth or staff injuries reported. In order to maintain safety, security, and pending investigation, 11 minors were removed to the Special Housing Unit.

I will apprise the Board with more information as it becomes available.

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